

# WEEKLY TALLAHASSEEAN

ESTABLISHED 1881.  
H. C. PRICE, Publisher and Proprietor.

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1901.

VOL. XXI, NO. 2

## WASHINGTON BUDGET

Congress Winds Up Its Business by Hook or Crook.

## BEHIND BACKING SAMPSON

A Set-Back—Minister Conger Recalled "at His Own Request."

Washington, March 2, 1901.—Congress has cleared up its business by hook and crook and an extra session is no longer thought possible. The President and the million corporations that control him are appointed by the adoption of the amendment to the Philippine proviso, which will prevent the franchise hunters from looting these islands as they are looting Porto Rico, but this in itself is hardly sufficient to cause an extra session. Of course the usual flood of bad legislation slipped through in the closing days, having been purposely held back until the two houses were weary and their vigilance relaxed so as to permit its passage without being noticed. This has always characterized the wind-up of Congress. It always will, but there has not been time to analyze them.

One of the worst breaks of the session was contained in the report on the Philippine proviso, which was appointed only on Saturday to investigate them. Naturally, no thorough search could be made and the committee merely admits the abuses without suggesting any remedy. It is found that the employees of the bureau number 357 and their aggregate pay is about \$400,000 per annum. The committee classifies the abuses under three heads: Transfers of employees from the duties of the position to which they were appointed; other duties; unjustifiable payments of compensation to employees while absent from their post of duty, and pension of salaries. Many details of the abuses are given, but they are complicated and amazing that it is difficult to understand how they could have grown up except under the existing extravagant rule that has been maintained at the Capitol since the advent of the "hog combine," when the publicans regained control of the house six years ago.

The ring that has been backing Sampson and discrediting Schley is greatly incensed over the publication of the former's endorsement on General Morgan's application for promotion. While the sentiments expressed therein represent with great accuracy the ideas of nine-tenths of the officers of the Navy, most of these have taken care not to put themselves on record as holding them. It is amazing that cadets at Annapolis and West Point, drawn as they are from all walks of life from the highest to the lowest, could almost immediately develop an aristocratic spirit and look down on the class to which their own fathers belong. Yet this is universally the case. Admiral Sampson himself is the son of an Irish laborer, ditch digger, and worked with his father when a boy. For him to object to the promotion of a gunner on the ground that the latter lacked social standing would be almost incredible if it were not absolutely true. The result of the letter has been to dispel all prospect of Sampson's promotion to Vice-Admiral and has excited his navy partisans to frenzy. Admiral Crowhishield, for instance, head of the Bureau of Navigation and known familiarly by the endearing title of the "Pirate" is now seeking for some pretext on which General Morgan can be court-martialed on a charge of having made the endorsement public.

Minister Conger has been recalled at his own request" from China some time ago, attention was called to this correspondence to the methods that have been begun by certain interested parties to force Mr. Conger to request his recall. The old game of "anonymous communications from the State Department to the press was then being played. Hints that Mr. Conger's work was unsatisfactory, that his health was breaking down, that he wanted to come home and recuperate, and all the long list of "insinuations" (as the darkey preacher called them) were being tried. Apparently, they have succeeded. Mr. Conger has given up the unequal fight and is coming home. Whether he is wholly because of the published attacks on him, or whether he

received a hint direct from the President, is not known. But it will be interesting to see who is sent to take his now very important place when Commissioner Rockhill has resigned over the interval.

One Sunday sometime ago, a thirty stranger left the train at the down-town station in this city and asked the nearest person where he could get a drink. The nearest person informed him that by getting on a cable car and riding about four miles, he would be beyond the District lines and could imbibe at a joint run in defiance of the Maryland local option law. Whereupon, the stranger remarked profanely that he knew at last why Washington was called the City of Magnificent Distances. This is apropos of the inauguration. Washington is an old fashioned place, and everything in the way of business is suspended on the Sabbath. There are no Sunday theaters or sacred concerts; the saloons are all closed, and most of the restaurants, the barber shops are not allowed to do business, and the news-stands are closed after the noon hour. But Monday being inauguration day, the city will be filled with strangers on Sunday, who will want to eat and drink and be merry. They will need to be shaved and want to buy newspapers, and the theaters were planning to offer them entertainment, when the District Commissioners stepped in and instructed the police to notify all concerned that they would be expected to observe Sunday as usual. This order has caused considerable excitement. There is no way to punish a theater or a saloon or a barber shop for keeping open on Sunday except to revoke their licenses and fine the managers a few dollars in the police courts, but a resolution has passed both Houses of Congress giving the Commissioners of the District increased power, and it will probably be effective in closing everything but the churches.

### Letters Patent Granted.

Letters patent have been granted by the Secretary of State for the incorporation of the Afro-American Industrial and Benefit Association of the United States of America, with head offices at Jacksonville, with a capital stock of \$5,000, to insure the lives of members against accident and death, to care for the sick and bury the dead, buy, sell and improve real and personal property. J. Milton Waldron, Arthur Walls Smith and A. W. Price are the incorporators.

The Barnett Land Company of Jacksonville was incorporated here today by letters patent, issued by the Secretary of State. The capital stock is \$10,000, and the company will deal in real and personal property, machinery, erect and maintain buildings, buy and sell stocks, bonds etc., act as warehousemen and operate steamboats. The incorporators are W. D. Barnett, Harlow Barnett, and Bion H. Barnett.

### The First Picnic of the Season.

The Oak Dale school celebrated the closing of the term of 1900-01 by a picnic on the school grounds Saturday, March 2.

It was rather early in the season, but the day was as pleasant and the weather as perfect as "a day in June."

The music for the occasion was furnished by Misses Belle Brown and Mattie Saunders, who performed on the organ, and Miss Ida Smith, who picked the guitar.

The little people passed the time very pleasantly in playing games. The Oak Dale school is one of the best country schools in the county, and the term just closed has been a successful one, notwithstanding the prevalence of mumps, colds, chills and other sickness.

May the crowd who met at the picnic enjoy many more pleasant occasions.

### ONE WHO PARTICIPATED.

### Proceedings of the Supreme Court.

William C. Herring, appellant, vs. William R. Fitts et al., appellees.—Volusia county. Decree affirmed in part and reversed in part. Opinion by Mr. Justice Mabry. B. M. Miller, for appellant; Stewart & Bly, for appellees.

Wesley Hearn, plaintiff in error, vs. The State of Florida, defendant in error.—Duval county. Judgment reversed and new trial granted. Opinion by Mr. Chief Justice Taylor. John E. Harbridge, for plaintiff in error; William B. Lamar, Attorney-General, for the State.

Henry Hicks, plaintiff in error, vs. The State of Florida, defendant in error.—Duval county. Judgment

reversed and new trial granted. Opinion by Mr. Justice Carter. T. A. & B. B. MacDonald, M. C. Jordan and John Wallace, for plaintiff in error; William B. Lamar, Attorney-General, for the State.

Frank Roberson, plaintiff in error, vs. The State of Florida, defendant in error.—Duval county. Judgment reversed and new trial granted. Opinion by Mr. Chief Justice Taylor. T. A. & B. B. MacDonald, for plaintiff in error; William B. Lamar, Attorney-General, for the State.

William Mitchell and Anthony Mims, plaintiffs in error, vs. The State of Florida, defendant in error.—Duval county. Judgment affirmed. Opinion by Mr. Justice Mabry. Geo. U. Walker, for plaintiffs in error; William B. Lamar, Attorney-General, for the State.

Georgia V. Holland and James J. Holland, appellants, vs. Mary E. Webster by next friend E. I. Robinson, appellee.—Duval county. Motion to quash appeal granted. Opinion by Mr. Justice Carter. T. A. & B. B. MacDonald, for appellants; E. P. Axtell, for appellee.

Georgia V. Holland and James J. Holland, appellants, vs. Wilbur P. Webster, appellee.—Duval county. Motion to quash appeal granted. T. A. & B. B. MacDonald, for appellants; E. P. Axtell, for appellee.

### Leon Academy—February.

STAR ROLL—Pauline Lavender, Dell Brown, Beulah Ferrell, Annie Neil, Marion Brown, Birtie Alger, Mary Gwyn, Fenton Davis, Ruth Reynolds, Ruth Johnson, Eva Dyer, Philip Carter, Abram McDougall, Fred Housholder, Leonard Donk, Wallace Quarterman, Minna Alford, Lulu Keith, Jennie Myers, Theo. Rosedale, Mary Gorman, Lena Bryan, Genie Carter, Julia Chaires, Elsie McGriff, Kathleen Demilly, Lavert Brown, Douglas Baird, Ford Buren, Horace VanBrunt, Hunter Bummerman, Alfred Averit and Johnnie Lavender.

HONOR ROLL, FEBRUARY.—Herbert Felkel, Charles Dimilly, Waldemar Leydock, Edward Lavender, Clifton Byrd, Ruby Barker, Susie McGriff, Charlie Dennard, Genie VanBrunt, Marie Leydock, Lottie Plichard, Beatrice Wallace, Arthur Wilson, Robert Temple, Harry Wilson, Jno. Clark, Crowell Dawkins, Lynwood Evans, Emma Brooks, Claudia Cor, Nellie Davis, Pearl Melin, Archie Penn, French Wilson, Oriana Lewis, Clifford Sutton, Jessie Williams, Frances Johnson, Helen Carter, Katie Barker, Helen Alford, Rosa Farrior, Evelyn Rozar, Norman Sutton, Willie Rozar, Jenn Montgomery, Maud Holley, Helen Saxon, Minnie Lavender, Mandel Rosedale.

### Postoffice Thief Caught.

Last Tuesday night the store of Mr. J. Ferrell, the postmaster at Ocoke, was broken into and robbed. The thief at the same time robbing the United States postoffice, that was situated in the store, of four dollars in silver, and fifty cents in coppers. Coming to town, Mr. Ferrell recognized some of the goods stolen from his store, on a negro, and had him arrested by Mr. J. L. Ferrell of the city police force. The negro gave his name as being Will Myers. Only sixty-five cents were found on his person, however, of which three were copper cents. One of the coppers was recognized by Mr. Ferrell's clerk as the Ocoke postoffice postoffice, by some peculiar mark on it as being one of the coppers stolen from the postoffice. The negro had on a pair of overalls that Mr. Ferrell recognized as some of the stolen goods. This may prove a very important arrest, as this postoffice has in the past been very frequently broken into and robbed, but the United States detectives have never been able to catch the parties. The negro is now lodged in the county jail, and the United States authorities at Washington have been informed of the arrest.

### Anaxagorean Society.

The Anaxagorean Literary Society held its regular meeting in their rooms, at the West Florida Seminary, last Thursday, and the following question was ably discussed, pro and con: "Resolved, That voting should be made compulsory." J. T. G. Crawford and Asa B. Clark spoke for the affirmative, and J. R. Evans and J. Rutledge Alford for the negative. The negative was awarded the decision. There was a spirited, irregular debate by members upon the floor of the hall, and the society decided in favor of the negative.

A communication was read from

President Murfree, of the Institution, in which he offered a handsome present for the member making the highest average on the irregular debates from now until commencement. President McIntosh, of the society, also offered a prize for the second best grade on irregular debate.

A communication was read from Hon. William B. Lamar, an honorary member of the society, and the judge enclosed a check which swelled the society's treasury.

By a rising vote, the Hon. William D. Bloxham was elected an honorary member, and a committee was appointed to notify him of his election. This makes only three honorary members elected so far: Albert A. Murphree, William B. Lamar, William D. Bloxham.

Red and Black were adopted as the society colors, and the committee to select a yell for the society reported the following, which was adopted:

Rickety cax, co-ax, co-ax,  
Rickety cax, co-ax, co-ax.  
We're the stuff! Yes, we are!  
Anaxagorean! Red! Red! Red!

### Civil Appointments.

Governor Jennings has made the following civil appointments:

F. M. Carlton, of Willow, to be notary public for the State at large. S. I. Brash, of Apalachicola, to be notary public for the State at large.

H. H. Maddox, of Mount Tabor, to be surveyor for Columbia county. W. W. White, of Marianna, to be notary public for the State at large.

John A. Davis, of Woods, to be notary public for the State at large. George W. Roberts, of Switzerland, to be Justice of the Peace for District 2, St. Johns county.

Samuel D. Mitchell, of Neptune, to be notary public for the State at large.

John Y. Detwiler, of New Smyrna, to be fish commissioner for the State of Florida.

Perry Jackson, of New York, to be commissioner of deeds for Florida, in the State of New York.

G. J. Proctor, of Summerfield, to be constable for district 23, Marion county.

Joseph Henschen, of Orlando, to be notary public for the State at large.

### Officers Commissioned.

Adjutant-General Houston has commissioned the following officers for the military company recently organized at Marianna: Captain John Milton, Jr.; first lieutenant, C. L. Wilson; second lieutenant, George C. Horn. J. H. Clay and A. M. Kinsbrough are new enlistments in the Leesburg Rifles.

### THE FAMOUS GENTRY SHOW.

#### All Brand New This Year.

Professor Gentry's famous dog and pony show with many new acts and features added this season of 1901, will exhibit under canvas in this city on Monday, March 11, on Myers' show grounds. The show is decidedly the best of its kind in the world, and never fails to give the best of satisfaction. The entertainment is strictly moral and enjoys the distinction of being the only traveling show under canvas, that interferes in no way with any belief, creed or religion, and is endorsed by the clergy and school superintendents wherever it exhibits.

### Weekly Cake Sale.

The ladies of the Associated Charities of Tallahassee, will offer best home made cake, fancy and plain, for sale Saturday morning at the store of the Tallahassee Drug Co., from 10 until 1 o'clock. Orders left at the Drug Store during the week will receive careful attention. Price list shown on inquiry.

### Platonic Debating Society.

The Platonic Debating Society held its fortnightly debate at the State Seminary, Friday afternoon. The question for debate was: "Resolved, That West Florida should be annexed to Alabama."

The affirmative was advocated by Joseph Shutan and B. A. Meginniss, Jr., and Harry Prounce and William Byrd spoke for the negative.

In the regular and irregular debates the discussions were awarded in favor of the negative.

### Only a Rumor.

Rumors and speculation are rife as to how far the new Alabama and Florida division of the Louisville and Nashville Road is to be built into the State. It has already been announced that this new line by the

way of Georgia, Alabama, and River Junction, Fla., will place Jacksonville ninety miles nearer Montgomery than by any other route.

The rumor is again revived that the Louisville and Nashville has bought R. L. Bennett's controlling interest in the Tallahassee and South Eastern Road, which has been surveyed from Tallahassee to Gainesville, and has tracks laid and trains running some twenty miles or more out of Tallahassee. It is known that Mr. Bennett has sold his stock and it has been announced that the purchasers will begin work at once, and have track laid to the Suwannee river by June 1, the limit of time extended by the last Legislature, but the names of the purchasers have not been announced.—Pensacola correspondent Times-Union and Citizen.

The above is merely part of the scheme on the Times-Union correspondent, and has no foundation that we can learn. The Tallahassee and South Eastern road was sold to New York and Boston capitalists, who intend to build a line entirely independent of other Florida transportation lines.

### Second Judicial Circuit.

Judge John W. Malone and State's Attorney George W. Walker will begin the Spring Circuit of the Second Judicial Circuit on the third Monday in March, holding the Spring term of the Circuit Court as follows:

At Bristol, Liberty county, on the third Monday in March.

At Blountstown, Calhoun county, on the fourth Monday in March.

At Apalachicola, Franklin county, on the first Monday in April.

At Quincy, Gadsden county, on the second Monday in April.

At Monticello, Jefferson county, on the fourth Monday in April.

At Crawfordville, Wakulla county, on the first Monday in May.

At Tallahassee, Leon county, on Monday, the 13th of May.

### Chaires Laid.

Mr. J. C. Boyleston, and Miss Sadie L. Snipes were happily united together, in the bonds of matrimony, February 28, 1901, Rev. Kenelly officiating. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, and evergreen. The occasion was attended by the citizens of the neighborhood and many friends from Tallahassee, Loyd and Centerville. We wish them a long and happy life.

Mr. E. T. Fekel was in our village Saturday assessing taxes.

Messrs. J. G. Chaires, and S. D. Hightower went to Thomasville, Ga. to buy a lot of horses.

Mrs. M. E. Patterson returned home the 25th, after being with her mother during her serious illness.

Our little agent, Mr. O. S. Cox, returned home after a flying trip to O'Brien, Fla., on important business.

Mr. E. C. Williams passed through our village last Wednesday en route to Newport, accompanied by his wife, where they will spend a few days with their father and mother.

Miss H. E. Childs is visiting Mrs. E. O. Smith.

Mr. B. G. Danbey was killed by the bursting of Mr. C. T. Hancock's grist mill. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss.

We learn that Mrs. H. D. Thompson is very ill.

Mr. Harwood, of Arran, has accepted a position as sawyer with Mr. Hancock.

Miss Gertrude Tyner, of Lakeland, is spending a while with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher.

Mr. Geo. M. Davis has shipped one carload of hard wood from this place and expect to ship several more soon.

Mrs. L. B. McMeekin returned home Friday after an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. L. W. Patterson.

One of our leading merchants has closed out here and has opened up business in Quincy. We hope him success in his adventure.

Mr. J. Fleming is going to put up a turpentine still at this place and will soon have it in operation.

Mr. J. Duncan is progressing very slowly painting the A. M. E. Church.

Mr. I. A. Chaires has returned from an extended trip to Punta Gorda and other points in South Florida.

Miss Julia Footman is spending several days with Mrs. J. H. Patterson.

Miss Alice Chaires left Friday for Monticello to spend some time with relatives.

Madame Rumor says there will be another wedding soon.

Guess who is the biggest dude in town?

## CONTRACTS ALL LET

The Georgia Pine an Absolute Certainty.

## BRIGHT PROSPECTS AHEAD

Cheaper Freight Rates, Quicker Transportation Facilities, Etc.

President Williams of the Georgia Pine Railroad Company has been in this city during the past week opening the bids of the several contractors who wish to build the road from here to Gainesville. To-day it was announced, and we can state authoritatively that the whole line has been let and contracted for—and the work will be commenced immediately and pushed to completion. The first section of the road, about fifteen miles in length, lying between Tallahassee and the crossing point of the Ocoke river has been awarded to Mr. S. H. Hanks & Co., of this city. The balance of the road being awarded to Messrs. John Davidson, Cicero Young of Thomasville, and C. P. Hammond of Americus, Ga. The bid of Mr. C. P. Haraway for all trestle work and clearing the right of way was accepted. In the mean time, the work will be pushed forward for the rapid completion of the work. The crossing point on the Ocoke river has not been definitely decided on. The most direct route may not be chosen as by making a slight detour northward the road would pass through a much more desirable country. By that route the line would be carried through or near Concord, and a section of the very best farming land in Middle Florida, settled by some of Godden's most progressive farmers. We understand that the citizens of Concord have raised a large bonus to induce the company to choose that route. Those who are familiar with the country considered it by far the most promising, as it will at once give the road a large business.

It is very encouraging to realize that the early completion of this road is settled. For years Tallahassee has looked forward to a northern outlet and could have no better than the one now assured. The benefits to be derived from the completion of this road will not be confined to this city alone—but will extend to the entire section of country through which it passes. As pointed out in these columns several weeks ago, it will enable our farmers to grow vegetable and other early garden truck with a prospect of some financial return, which owing to the excessive freight rates on all such produce has in the past been impossible. The owners of the lands in the northwestern section of Leon county and the eastern section of Gadsden can therefore feel assured that their property will be enhanced many times in value. We also can confidently look forward to a large increase in population. In freight rates alone, our Tallahassee merchants will save thousands of dollars. We will not have to buy our goods twice—and will not be at the mercy of a corporation that has done in the past, everything to hold back prosperity from our community, and has built up other sections of the State at our expense.

Tallahassee can well feel highly elated over her bright prospects, and has every reason to look forward to a prosperity that will be limited only by the energy and progressiveness of her citizens.

### The Engineer Drowned.

The steamer Capitola left Carrabelle for upper river Friday and near McIntyre in Crooked river, Allie Yent, the engineer, went to the captain for a settlement, and was told to go down on the deck and answer the bells, and he could get off at the landing. That was the last seen of him. His hat was found floating in the water. News was brought to Carrabelle of the accident, and a party went from there to look for the body. The body has not yet been found.

### The Disston Lands Sold.

The Disston Land Company property was sold at Kissimmee yesterday under foreclosure proceedings. C. W. Ward of Washington, D. C., representing holders of bonds, under which the sale was made, bought in for the nominal price of \$70,000 cash, about 2,000,000 acres of land, plantations and other valuable property.

Dr. B. C. Lewis, of Thomas City, is in the city on a visit to his brother.